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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

1. MOST OF LAST DAY OF MEETING WAS DEVOTED TO ISSUE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP AND DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT (AZIZ). SRI LANKA, AS SPOKESMAN FOR GROUP OF 77, STATED VIEW OF GROUP WAS THAT EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND SO THAT LARGER NUMBER OF COUNTRIES NECESSARY FOR AD HOC WORKING GROUP THAN WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR GOVERNING BOARD OF FUND. IN THIS CONTEXT GROUP OF 77 PROPOSED WORKING GROUP COMPOSED OF 18 LDCS OF WHICH 9 RECIPIENTS AND 9 POTENTIAL DONORS; 9 DEVELOPED COUNTRIES; 6 SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND 1 SEAT FOR PRC. AFTER SRI LANKA CONSULTATION WITH USSR DELEGATE, THE PROPOSAL WAS MODIFIED TO 18 LDCS; 9 DCS; PLUS ANY OTHER POTENTIAL DONORS
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OUTSIDE OF THESE TWO GROUPS. THIS REFLECTS RUSSIAN UNWILLINGNESS TO GIVE ANY INDICATION AT THIS TIME OF POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION. THUS DOOR IS OPEN IF THEY WISH TO DECLARE THEMSELVES AS POTENTIAL DONOR AT LATER STAGE.

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NOT WANTING TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF AD HOC GROUP'S COMPOSITION THE DAC COUNTRIES ACCEPTED G-77 PROPOSAL, STATING ONLY THAT THEY WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A SMALLER BODY. IN CAUCUS OF DAC COUNTRIES, IT WAS AGREED THAT DAC CHAIRMAN WOULD NOTIFY HANNAH OF NAMES OF DAC COUNTRY PARTICIPANTS. WHILE MOST DELS INDICATED NEED CONSULT THEIR GOVERNMENT, PROBABLE DAC MEMBERS OF AD HOC GROUP WILL BE: UK, JAPAN, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NETHERLANDS, A NORDIC COUNTRY, BELGIUM, FRANCE, AND THE UNITED STATES (FRG INDICATED POSITIVELY WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE A MEMBER OF AD HOC GROUP).

2. AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSION BECAME A DRAFTING SESSION AS SERIES OF MODIFICATIONS TO TERMS OF REFERENCE PROPOSED BY BOTH DCS AND LDCS. APPROVED TEXT WHICH WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE TOMORROW MORNING READS ROUGHLY AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: THE GUIDELINES FOR THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP SHALL BE CONSIDER AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS, WITHIN THE FRAME-WORK OF RESOLUTION XIII OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF THE IFAD INCLUDING, INTER ALIA,

I. THE INITIAL TARGET FOR THE RESOURCES OF THE FUND AND THE MANNER IN WHICH VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS MIGHT BE MADE BY DEVELOPED CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES TO REACH THE AGREED TARGET.

II. THE BROAD PURPOSES FOR AND TERMS ON WHICH ASSISTANCE MAY BE PROVIDED BY THE FUND TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, KEEPING IN VIEW THE OBJECTIVE OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PRIMARILY FOR FOOD PRODUCTION.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FUND AND IN PARTICULAR THE SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE SECRETARIAT SET-UP AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

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IV. THE LEGAL AND PROCEDURAL INSTRUMENTS NECES-SARY FOR ESTABLISHING THE FUND.

V. ANY FURTHER ACTION THAT MAY BE REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTION XIII.

THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP WILL ALSO TAKE INTO CONSIDER-ATION WORKING PAPER NO. 1 THE VIEWS EXPRESSED AT THIS MEETING INCLUDING THOSE SUBMITTED BY GHANA AND SIERRA LEONE, AS WELL AS THOSE SUBMITTED IN WRITING BY GOVERN-MENTS BY JUNE 1.

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THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP WILL CONSIST OF 18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INCLUDING POTENTIAL DONORS AND RECIPIENTS, 9 DEVELOPED COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES, AND ANY OTHER POTENTIAL DONORS. THE RESPECTIVE GROUPS WILL NOMINATE THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NOT LATER THAN JUNE 1 TO ENABLE THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO MEET IN THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY.

THE WORKING GROUP WILL COMPLETE ITS WORK BEFORE THE END OF SEPTEMBER 1975. ITS RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED AT A FURTHER MEETING OF ALL INTERESTED COUNTRIES TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1975.

THE SECRETARIAT OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES TO THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP. END QUOTE.

3. PROPOSAL IN PENULTIMATE PARA OF ORIGINAL SECRETARIAT DRAFT TO MAKE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER MEETING ONE OF "PLENIPOTENTIARIES" RECEIVED NO REPEAT NO SUPPORT AND WORD WAS REPLACED BY PHRASE "ALL INTERESTED COUNTRIES", WHEN AUSTRALIAN DEL POINTED OUT HE AND NO DOUBT OTHERS NOT AUTHORIZED TO COMMIT GOVERNMENT TO PLENIPOTENTIARY MEETING. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN SECRETARIAT DRAFT WERE SOFTENING OF CHAPEAU AND ELIMINATION OF OPERATIVE TERMS SUCH AS "DETERMINE", "DRAW UP" AND "DEFINE" AS INITIAL PHRASES IN SUBPARAS I-IV.

4. AD HOC WORKING GROUP MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN ROME
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BUT PROPOSAL BY PAKISTAN DEL, WHO IS AMBASSADOR TO FAO, TO WRITE IN THAT OCTOBER/NOVEMBER MEETING WOULD ALSO BE HELD IN ROME WAS REJECTED AFTER HANNAH SAID MEETING WOULD BE HELD IN ROME IF POSSIBLE BUT SOME FLEXIBILITY WAS NECESSARY.ABRAMS

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